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Macro:**Over 200 tariff lines set for rationalisation**

- Bangladesh is preparing another round of tariff rationalisation in the next fiscal year, cutting or easing protective duties on more than 200 imported goods, as part of a wider effort to modernise the trade system ahead of graduation from least developed country (LDC) status. Bangladesh currently has 7,611 tariff lines.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/over-200-tariff-lines-set-rationalisation-4178101>

USD 1 Tn economy, 10 Mn jobs: Govt charts new growth path

- Exiting the traditional five-year plan model, the BNP government has drafted a five-year Strategic Framework aimed at shifting Bangladesh's economy from fragility to prosperity. The plan seeks to lift investment to 40% of GDP by FY31, from 31% at present, while raising revenue to 11% from 9%. It outlines a three-tier action plan for phased economic transformation: the first year focused on recovery and stabilisation, the next two on restoration, and the final two on reconstruction.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/1tn-economy-1cr-jobs-govt-charts-new-growth-path-1441931>

Apart from NCT, race on for two other Ctg port terminals

- Amid negotiations over leasing Chattogram port's New Mooring Container Terminal (NCT), attention has now turned to two other key facilities of the seaport as an increasing number of foreign and local operators are showing interest in making investments and running those terminals. The port has four main container and cargo terminals - General Cargo Berth (GCB), Chittagong Container Terminal (CCT), NCT, and Patenga Container Terminal (PCT).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/apart-nct-race-two-other-ctg-port-terminals-4178106>

Yields on T-bills dip

- The cut-off yield on 91-day T-bills fell to 10.17 % from 10.19 % previously. Also, the yield on 182-day T-bills declined to 10.47 % from 10.50%, while the 364-day T-bill yield dropped to 10.65 % from 10.67%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/yields-on-t-bills-dip-1779038944>

Airbus submits fresh 10-aircraft proposal to Biman

- European aircraft manufacturer Airbus has submitted a fresh proposal to Biman Bangladesh Airlines to sell 10 aircraft, just weeks after Biman signed a USD 3.7 Bn deal with US plane manufacturer Boeing.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/aviation/news/airbus-submits-fresh-10-aircraft-proposal-biman-4177771>

India outbids US to become 2nd-biggest BD trading partner

- India accounted for 8.47 % or BDT 123.28 Bn of Bangladesh's total external trade - both export and import. The US closely followed with an 8.46% share, or BDT 123.17 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/india-outbids-us-to-become-2nd-biggest-bd-trading-partner-1779038792>

New Zealand assures BD of extending DFQF facility after LDC graduation

- New Zealand has assured Bangladesh of extending duty-free and quota-free (DFQF) facility and preferential market access even after its graduation from LDC.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/new-zealand-assures-bd-of-extending-dfqf-facility-after-ldc-graduation-1779035878>

Bangladesh ranks second globally with 17 IMO-authorized ship recycling yards

- Bangladesh has become the world's second-largest nation for compliant ship recycling following the inclusion of 17 domestic yards in the International Maritime Organisation's official global list under the Hong Kong Convention.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/bangladesh-ranks-second-globally-17-imo-authorized-ship-recycling-yards-1441936>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | Five merged banks have collateral for only 25pc loans**

- The collateral backing five crisis-ridden Islamic banks covers only about one-fourth of their total loans, exposing deep risks for depositors, investors and shareholders despite Bangladesh Bank's ongoing repayment efforts that have already returned BDT 38.87 Bn to around 822,000 depositors. According to a forensic report prepared by the Bangladesh Bank, the five banks had only BDT 450 Bn in collateral against the total outstanding loans worth BDT 1.92 Tn at the end of April 2026.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/300067/five-merged-banks-have-collateral-for-only-25pc-loans>

TELECOM | Bangla Phone gets govt nod for NTTN licence

- The government has approved a Nationwide Telecommunication Transmission Network (NTTN) licence for Bangla Phone. The company's earlier bid was rejected by the interim government. This makes Bangla Phone the seventh company in the country to receive this licence.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangla-phone-gets-govt-nod-nttn-licence-4178076>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | BSEC moves to pull-back BDT 2.25 Bn stabilisation fund from ICB**

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) directed the Capital Market Stabilisation Fund (CMSF) to pull back BDT 2.25 Bn fund from the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) that was lent for the investment in the capital market. The government has decided to change the purposes of the stabilisation fund that no funds to be lent to the intermediaries, and funds only will be used to settle investors' claims.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-moves-pull-back-tk225cr-stabilisation-fund-icb-1441816>

EXCHANGE | Govt to form capital market reform commission

- The government is planning to form a capital market reform commission to bring transparency and restore investor confidence, according to officials at the Ministry of Finance.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-form-capital-market-reform-commission-4178086>

EXCHANGE | Tainted auditors set to be barred from capital market panels

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission is set to tighten oversight of listed company audits by barring audit firms and partners with records of corruption, criminal conviction or regulatory sanctions from its audit panels.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/tainted-auditors-set-be-barred-capital-market-panels-1441796>

EXCHANGE | Listed foreign firms' Q1 earnings slump amid stubborn inflation, energy disruptions

- This year has so far brought no relief to listed multinational companies (MNCs), with earnings declining in the first quarter compared to the same period last year as inflation has not let up.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/listed-foreign-firms-q1-earnings-slump-amid-stubborn-inflation-energy-disruptions-1779033446>

BDFINANCE | Bangladesh Finance continues recovery with 120% profit jump

- Non-bank financial institution Bangladesh Finance posted a 120% year-on-year jump in Q1'26 profit to BDT 20.71 Mn, supported by higher investment income and the reversal of provisions.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bangladesh-finance-continues-recovery-with-120%-profit-jump-1779033487>

PRAGATIINS | Pragati Insurance moves into credit bureau sector

- Pragati Insurance PLC is set to diversify its investment portfolio by investing BDT 30 Mn in the proposed First National Credit Bureau Limited (FNCBL), which will give the company a 30% ownership stake.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/pragati-insurance-moves-credit-bureau-sector-1441826>

EXCHANGE | Royal Footwear again seeks BDT 120 Mn via SME platform to boost exports

- The company has recently re-submitted its application to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) to issue 12 Mn shares under the fixed-price method through an Initial Qualified Investor Offer (IQIO).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/royal-footwear-again-seeks-BDT12cr-sme-platform-boost-exports-1441801>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 107.26	USD 49.83	86.77%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 110.47	USD 49.62	81.54%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,541.34	USD 200.34	4.62%
DSEX	5,226.18	360.85	7.42%
S&P 500	7,408.50	509.68	7.39%
FTSE 100	10,195.37	263.99	2.66%
BSE SENSEX	75,237.99	-9,555.59	-11.27%
KSE-100	165,596.06	-8,458.24	-4.86%
CSEALL	22,905.75	281.44	1.24%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.88 BDT****1 GBP = 163.65 BDT****1 Euro = 142.80 BDT****1 INR = 1.28 BDT**

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